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Frank Laubinger
Special Assistant/DDA

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In view of the ☐ case, this should be called to the attention of everyone who may be releasing material or preparing it for release immediately.

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This should go to the DDA only after all staff work is done.

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24 SEP 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Frank Laubinger
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SUBJECT: Information Releases on Drugs and MKULTRA

1. Action Requested: Prior to the release of any new significant material which could conceivably be traced to a former employee or contractor, inform those persons of its imminent release and of their (limited) release from their security agreement.

2. Background:

a. Persons involved in the investigation of MKULTRA activities have interviewed many former employees and contractors. These men were all involved in classified research and in some instances classified operational activities. In most cases the work was absolutely proper and there is nothing for these men to be ashamed of; yet in the public eye, everything part of MKULTRA has become tainted by association.

b. An individual told of being called into a university's front office to be questioned at length about MKULTRA and the extent of his involvement. First, he does not recall that he ever heard the name and secondly, he remembers his secrecy agreement. His first thought, am I free to discuss these matters with these people? He reports suffering several months embarrassment, often caused by persons knowing more about the topic than he did, before he realized there was nothing to be embarrassed about. He indicated it would have been much better for all concerned if he had known what information had been released and what if any was still considered classified. This was a virtually universal complaint/suggestion of those interviewed. Most would have willingly acknowledged the work they had done if only they knew what had been released and what if anything was still considered classified and how the entire episode affected the secrecy agreement. Any bitterness encountered stemmed not from the release of the material but in the way it was done.

3. Recommendation: Please announce the suggested policy and inform OGC attorneys, the Office of Public Affairs, and the DDA/Assistant for Information of the change. A notice for general distribution is also suggested.

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Frank Laubinger

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